

# House File 2353 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 538)

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act removing prohibitions on emergency management
- 2 organization employees from holding elective office.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 29C.16, Code 2016, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **29C.16 Political activity prohibited.**

4 ~~1.~~ A person employed by any organization for emergency  
5 management established under **this chapter** shall not:

6 ~~a.~~ 1. During working hours or when performing official  
7 duties or when using public equipment or at any time on public  
8 property, take part in any way in soliciting any contribution  
9 for any political party or any person seeking political office.

10 ~~The provisions of **this section** do not preclude any employee  
11 from holding any nonpartisan elective office for which no pay  
12 is received or any office for which only token pay is received.~~

13 ~~b.~~ 2. Seek or attempt to use any political endorsement in  
14 connection with any appointment to a position created under  
15 this chapter.

16 ~~c.~~ 3. Use any official authority or influence for the  
17 purpose of interfering with an election or affecting the  
18 results ~~thereof~~ of an election.

19 ~~2. Any employee of an organization for emergency management  
20 shall not become a candidate for any partisan elective office.~~

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill relates to prohibitions on emergency management  
25 organization employees from holding elective office.

26 Under current law, such employees are prohibited from  
27 taking part in soliciting contributions for political parties  
28 or political candidates at certain times, from seeking or  
29 using a political endorsement in connection to appointment to  
30 an emergency management position, and from interfering with  
31 elections and election results. Current law provides that such  
32 prohibitions do not preclude emergency management organization  
33 employees from holding certain nonpartisan elective offices.  
34 The bill strikes the language providing this exception and  
35 strikes another provision that prohibits such employees from

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1 becoming candidates for partisan elective office.